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Sir:

# AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 27, 2002 NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED

A Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application was issued in connection with the above-identified application on March 27, 2002. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. A response to the March 27, 2002 Notice is due May 27, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

#### In the specification:

Please replace current Figure 1 to Figure 7C (7 sheets) with new Figure 1A to Figure 7C (14 sheets) attached hereto as Exhibit C.

### <u>REMARKS</u>

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## Declaration and Power of Attorney

The Notice indicates that the Declaration is unsigned. In response, applicants submit hereto as **Exhibit B** a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f). In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63, the Declaration refers to the application's above-identified serial number and filing date. The enclosed check for SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00) covers the surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e) for submitting the enclosed Declaration for a small entity.

#### Figures

The Notice indicates that Figure 1A and 1B are described in the specification, but that Figure 1A and 1B appear to have been omitted from the application.

In response, applicant maintains that Figure 1 through Figure 7C (7 sheets) were submitted to the Patent Office at the time the application was filed on February 22, 2002, as evidenced by the copy of the postcard attached hereto as **Exhibit D**. The postcard has been date stamped by the Patent Office in acknowledgment of receipt of the items listed on the postcard. Applicants note that Figure 1 as filed on February 22, 2002 did not consist of part A and part B, and that the Brief Description of the Figures on page 21, line 3 of the specification referred to Figure 1A-1B when the specification should have referred to Figure 1.

Applicants submit hereto as **Exhibit C** replacement Figure 1A through 7C (14 sheets). Applicants maintain that the figures attached hereto as **Exhibit C** contain no new matter. The matter which was contained in Figure 1 as filed on February 22, 2002 is now contained in Figure 1A-1B.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$65.00 surcharge for submitting the enclosed Declaration, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any other fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

hereby certify that correspondence is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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